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NEW YORK, Dec. 22 .- The United States torpedo boat Winslow was seriously damaged today by a collision with a ferry boat. LONDON, Dec. 22.- The British cruiser King Alfred has been ordered to take relief crews to the British ships of the China station.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Rear Admiral John G. Walker returned today from Colon, where he has been investigating the canal situation. Admiral Walker left immediately for Washington, where he will confer with the authorities.

TOKIO, Dec. 22.-While the details of Japan's reply to Russia have not been made public, it is generally conceded that the question of war in the Orient is now presented to Russia for solution.

It is reported that Japan, while asking Russia to reconsider, has rejected all the essential points of settlement proposed by Russia. Should Russia refuse to reconsider its original proposal, the situation will be very grave. Such refusal would likely be accepted by Japan as an ultimatum preceding an appeal to arms.

NEW LANGUAGE OF DIPLOMACY.

Significance of the Adoption of English by The Hague Tribunal,

One result of the Venezuelan blockade by England, Germany and Italy, undreamed of at the time, is the adoption of the English language by The Hague court of arbitration for use in the hearing of disputes. To the man in the street this may seem of slight importance, for he has not come in contact with the jealous opposition of the Continent, and especially of France, to the use of any other language than French in diplomatic negotiations or in interternational arbitrations. But when he is aware of the intrigues carried on and the determined efforts made to have French used exclusively or at least as the dominant tongue in the Venezuelan proeeedings he will understand how bitter was the struggle and how important was the question.

It is not going too far to say that the reason of the delay in the organization of the court may be traced to the desire of some of the interested Powers to prevent the supremacy of the English. The selection of the president of the court is even said to have been due in part to the belief that he would advocate the employment of French. Pressure was applied to the Venezuelan Minister in Paris to induce him to advise the court that his Government approved the use of French. When M. Murairey, the Minister of Justice of Russia and president of the court, went to Paris he made an explanation in regard to the attitude of the court with regard to the language question.

The first step, in behalf of the use of English was made by Herbert W. Bowen, Minister to Venezuela when, as the envoy of President Castro's Government, he negotiated terms of peace with the allies. By Article IV. of the protocol signed last May, it was provided that "the proceedings shall be conducted in the English language, but the arguments may, with the permission of the tri-

bunal, be made in any other language also.

When the protocol with France was signed, M. Jusserand, the French Ambassador in Washington, inserted a clause designed to but the French language on an equality with the English. The delay in the organization of the tribunal is well known. France approved of the selection of M. Murairev, as did the other Powers, for the Russian Minister is an exceptionally learned man and a well known advocate of arbitration. But France believed him also a firm supporter of her tongue, though it is well known that M. Murairev speaks good English.

The tribunal was finally organized and to the dismay of the American counsel, a report reached them that the tribunal had determined to rule that French should be the official language of the court. Mr. Bowen said to the court: "If the tribunal decide against the plain stipulation of the protocols the United States cannot be expected again to appeal to it, for the provisions of the

disputes to be determined might not be observed." News of the letter of the Venezuelan Minister to France saving his Government approved the use of French, also filed with the court, reached the ears of Mr. Bowen. When the tribunal reassembled after he had obtained this information he read a cablegram from President Castro saying that the Minister had acted without authority and that Mr. Bowen was the representative of Venezuela before the court.

The tribunal retired for a short period, and on its return the Secretary-General read the following explanation to its decision:

"The tribunal in answer to the request which has been made declares, in accordance with Article IV. of the protocol of the 7th of May, 1903, that the English language is recognized as the official language of the proceedings, but in accordance with the exact meaning of the said article arguments may be presented in another language only with the permission of the tribunal; that the tribunal, by the decision just pronounced, has admitted, within the limits indicated by this decision, the French language as subsidiary, since it is familiar to the members of the tribunal and to the majority of the representatives of the parties."

Both Judge Penfield, the Solicitor of State, who made an excellent impression at The Hague, and Mr. Bowen were highly gratified by this decision. Mr. Bowen said that it was a victory of high importance to the English speaking people, for it established a precedent which would be observed undoubtedly in future arbitrations.-Chicago Daily News.

DRESS TO MATCH THE HAIR.

The auburn-haired girl has long been advised by her modiste to affect the peculiar golden brown tints which match her Titian locks when purchasing new gowns and accessories. But now comes the fad of matching the hair throughout one's entire toilet, and it is taken up with enthusiasm even by the "mouse-colored maids,"

Golden hir can be very prettily matched, though care must be taken avoid any really bright yellow, like buttercups or marsh marigolds, for they kill the gold in the hair. For corn-colored tresses a mourning hat trimmed with a yellowish fur on velvet, and somewhere upon it a dull gold buckle, is quite the thing.

Old ladies with white or gray hair have realized how immensely becoming to them are bonnets of precisely the same degree of moonlight gray or pepper-and-salt. One girl of a prevailing tint of soft brown in eyes, hair and sun-tanned skin is always a symphony in old ivory. Her hat, with sweeping feather, tulle stole, suede gloves, wth shoes and stockings en suite, and gown of ivory voile, all melt into the tones of her natural coloring like a ricch carving of antique ivory.

Here is Abe Ruef's story of how he came to enter politics: One'day, I saw a notice in the paper that there would be a meeting that night to organize a Republican club in my district. It was come in. In a back room I found two other ruffians. That was the way things were done nearly twenty

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whole meeting. They told me to sit down, and they asked who I was. I told them I was studying law. 'Can you write?' said one of somewhere down on Sansome Street, and I went there. When I them, and I declared I could write my name. They waited a mingot there, the place was dark, and, in fact, the neighborhood was ute, and one suggested, 'What's the matter with making this young dark and dubious. I was pretty well frightened, but I knocked at man secretary of the club?' Then they got me to sit down and write the door. It was opened by one of the most forbidding men I ever an account of the meeting from what they told me had occurred. I saw. He had a red scar across his face as if he had been cut with a wrote a separate story for each of the papers, and they were all sabre. He looked like a pirate. I asked if that was the place where printed, word for word. According to the reports, there were somethe meeting was to be held. He looked me over, and told me to thing like one hundred and seventy-five people at the meeting. That